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Comment. Items in this report that can be checked are not consistent
with any available information. Moreover, the command processes given in the
report are implausible.

1. In May 1952 one Soviet mechanized division was transferred from Chita (113-30, 52-30) to Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49). The Soviet Advisory Group to the Chinese Communists plans to use this unit to train the Chinese Communist mechanized corps which was formed in April. Under the pretense of training Chinese Communist units in Manchuria, three additional Soviet divisions were transferred to Manchuria from Chita. In June one of these Soviet divisions was in North Korea.
2. In March some units of the 3 Field Army, under the name of the Chinese Volunteer 2 Army Group, were in T'unghua (125-57, 41-43). The 2 Army Group was to replace the 22 Army in Korea. The 35 Army was in Antung (124-23, 40-09) and was supposed to replace three frontline divisions in Korea. However, both plans were changed by the North Korean Army Headquarters without consulting the Chinese Communist Army Headquarters.
3. In view of the North Korean unilateral action in this matter, the Chinese Communist Headquarters, with Soviet approval, assumed authority for planning all North Korean Army operations and for commanding North Korean units. Upon assuming command of operations, the Chinese Communist Headquarters transferred about seven Chinese Communist divisions and nine North Korean divisions from Manchuria to North Korea. This transfer took place in late March and early April.

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